

Offender Registration Working Group Meeting Minutes

Date: April 18, 2012

Time: 1:00 to 3:00

Location: Sedgwick County

Attendance:

Nicole Dekat- KBI
Shelia Sawyer-Tyler- KBI
Kelly McPherron-KBI
Jessica Hall- Saline County SO
Michelle McMillin- Salina County SO
Jacob Westfall- Harvey County SO
Michael Oliver- Sedgwick County SO
Judge David Ricke- Judge 13th Judicial District
Melissa Purkeypile- Community Corrections 13th Judicial District
Kyle Smith- KBI
Sheila Wacker- Johnson County SO
Rick Rinehart- Wyandotte County SO
James Eickhoff- Wyandotte County SO
Keomi Johnson- Sedgwick County SO
Tracy Spreier- Sedgwick County SO
Kip Richardson- Butler County SO
Aaron Waldorf- Butler County SO
Mario Salinas- SCDOC- Juvenile Field Services
Becky Newman- SCDOC- Juvenile Field Services
Mark Sullivan- SCDOC- Juvenile Field Services
Bill Vaughn- Shawnee County SO
Debra Hoffer- Shawnee County SO
Janet Vadin- SCDOC- Juvenile Field Services
Lee Ann Kramer- SCDOC- Juvenile Field Services

Minutes of the Meeting:

1. Nicole Dekat called the meeting to order and introduced herself. The remaining attendees introduced themselves.
2. Kyle Smith discussed HB2568 and where it was at in the legislative process. The house and senate both have passed versions of the bill and now the bill is in conference committee. There were two changes that were added to our bill by the legislators. The first was that they moved sexual battery back out of the definition of a sexually violent crime and the second was that the employer's address will be

restricted from any public website however will be available through community notification. SB 39 makes a new class of sex offenders called aggravated sex offenders and imposes residency restrictions for those offenders. This bill was proposed by Senator Olson and is a watered down version of the bill from last year. There was a move to put SB39 in HB2568 while in conference committee however the motion was denied. It was agreed that Senator Olson will come talk to the working group this fall to discuss his concerns with not having residency restrictions. Possible legislation for next year was discussed such as removing drug offenders from offenders who require registration, imposing safety valves on juvenile offenders, and residency restrictions.

3. There currently is a lawsuit in Sedgwick County about the retroactivity of last year's bill. The hearing is scheduled for Friday, April 20th at 9am with Judge Eric Commer. No other information was known about the lawsuit but Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office will be attending the hearing and giving us an update.
4. The KCJIS conference this year will be in Hutchinson on June 11th and 12th. The KBI will be doing two presentations on Offender Registration. On June 11th from 4 to 5pm, the KBI will be training on the new law changes for this year. On June 12th from 8:30 to 9:30am, the KBI will be training on the new KsORT database. If you would like to view the schedule or obtain information on registration, you can find that at:

http://www.kslawenforcementinfo.com/uploads/3/0/3/2/3032106/2012_kcjis_conference_schedule.pdf

and

<http://www.kslawenforcementinfo.com/kcjis-conference.html>

5. The new KsORT database will be completed on August 1st and it should be available to start deploying to agencies around September 1st. The KBI plans to deploy the database to all agencies from September to December by regions. Prior to being given access to the database, user must obtain a token and complete a KsORT training class. The KsORT database will electronically submit registration forms to the KBI so the registering agencies will no longer have to submit hard copies of the form, registration information in KsORT will be automatically transmitted to NSOR and the KBI will process validations, agencies will have the ability to view restricted records or offenders in other counties, journal entries will be available in the offenders files to access, photos can be uploaded electronically to KsORT, community notification will be available, reports such as compliant/non-compliant lists and dual offender counts will be available on an as need basis to all agencies, and the KsORT database will be free to all agencies.
6. The next SMART symposium will be August 7th through the 9th in New Orleans at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. There will be no registration cost and everyone is encouraged to attend. Unfortunately the registration information is not yet available but as soon as

anything is posted, it will be sent to all agencies. To view more on the symposium or past symposiums, please visit <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/smart/symposium.htm>.

7. There was a lengthy discussion about core membership and how to elect the next chair. One possibility is to only have one person from each agency as a core member with voting rights, however more than one person from each agency is encouraged to attend. Another possible suggestion was to let the large counties such as Wyandotte, Johnson, Sedgwick, and Shawnee have two votes due to their size. The next option was to break the state into regions and have individual(s) from a small, medium, and large county as core members. Melissa Purkeypile stated that she might have an old list of the core members. If she cannot locate it, Kyle stated that since the KBI was the original appointing agency, the KBI could appoint new core members. Kyle will be sending information on core membership. Again the core membership is only for voting, and anyone can attend. It was also suggested to have meetings by phone conference to make it easier for agencies to participate and include anyone from western Kansas that wants to participate. It was suggested that this would need to be included in the By-Laws.
8. The floor was now open for question/comments. Jacob Westfall had a question in regards to education training for LEO's, Debbie Hoffer had questions about DL issues, if a offender was released from a county jail and what the offenders obligations were, and about expungements. Judge David Ricke had a question in regards to the courts new duty to register form and if that was available. There was also a suggestion to add victim age and sex to the Notice of Duty to register. An email was sent to Chris Mechler.
9. Our next meeting is scheduled for July 25th at 1:00 in Johnson County. This meeting's agenda will be about the removal of drug offenders from the KORA, safety valves, possible Senator Olson will be asked to attend to discuss his views on residency restrictions, update on by-laws and core members, and DMV issues. The following meeting will be in September in Butler County where the group will elect a new chair. The meeting date, time, and exact location will be announced.
10. Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.